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- Polyclinic No. Nine, along with No. Six, No. Seven, and No. Eight, is under the control of II Zdravno Otdelenie, which is located at 8 Kozloduy, Sofia. Polyclinic No. Nine occupies a small one-story building at 35 Sotsialisticheska Pobeda Street, Sofia, in the Orlandovtsi quarter.
- 2. Polyclinic No. Nine has wards for internal diseases, surgery, gynecology, and children's diseases; and X-ray section; a dental clinic; and a laboratory. Its staff consists of four physicians for internal diseases, one surgeon, one gynecologist, two physicians for children's diseases, one roentgenologist, two dentists, five nurses and one laboratory worker.
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- 3. Polyclinic No. Nine serves the Orlandovtsi and Malachevtsi quarters, and residents of these two quarters may receive medical assistance only at this clinic. Persons with diseases which are not treated at Polyclinic No. Nine (ophthalmic diseases, nervous disorders, and ear, nose, and throat diseases) must apply first to Polyclinic No. Nine, which then directs them to Polyclinic No. Six. Both medical and dental treatment is free of charge; however, the cost of medicines and dental equipment must be paid by the patient. If the patient is hospitalized, both treatment and medicine are free of charge.
- 4. Any resident of the two quarters who requires medical attention must first go to the clinic's reception office (Kartoteka), where he leaves his name and address and receives a number to enable him to see the doctor. A resident who is coming for treatment for the first time must present his Lichen Pasport, from which the reception official copies those details required for the Kartoteka file. The medical history of each patient is recorded in a card index which is handed to the physician treating the patient. Anyone in need of dental treatment goes directly to the dental clinic, which maintains separate records of each patient.

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5•	Physicians make house visits only when the patient is unable to walk to the clinic or runs a high temperature. The may, at their discretion, prescribe any medicine for a patient, except that at least two physicians must sign a prescription for penicillin. A prescription for streptomycin is given only in exceptional cases, and must be signed by three physicians, and confirmed by the municipal health services. Antibiotics are usually prescribed only in hospitals.						
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